

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 492

To amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain employment as a member of a local governing board, commission, or committee from social security tax coverage.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Local Officials Tax
5 Relief Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING**
 2 **BOARD EMPLOYMENT FROM SOCIAL SECU-**
 3 **RITY TAX COVERAGE.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Sec-
 5 tion 210(a)(7)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 6 410(a)(7)(F)) is amended by striking “or” at the end of
 7 clause (iv), by adding “or” at the end of clause (v), and
 8 by inserting after clause (v) the following new clause:

9 “(vi) by any elected or appointed
 10 member of a general governing board, com-
 11 mission, or committee of any political sub-
 12 division of a State for any calendar year
 13 commencing on or after January 1, 2010,
 14 if the remuneration paid in such calendar
 15 year for such service is not more than the
 16 amount in effect for an election official or
 17 an election worker under clause (iv) for
 18 such year.”.

19 (b) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
 20 1986.—Section 3121(b)(7)(F) of the Internal Revenue
 21 Code of 1986 (defining employment) is amended by strik-
 22 ing “or” at the end of clause (iv), by adding “or” at the
 23 end of clause (v), and by inserting after clause (v) the
 24 following new clause:

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